GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONCENTRATION OF PAK ARMY ALONG L.O.C.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of deployment of nuclear arms, sophisticated weapons and mercenaries by Pakistan along the Line of Control near Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether large scale purchasing of socks for winter, snow boots and ski, mountaineering equipments from European countries is being made by Pakistan Army;

(c) whether hardliner Afghan terrorists have been found strolling in civil dresses by Indian soldiers in these areas; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Government to prevent any untoward situation in future and to counter the war like threat of Pakistan?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): Although reports indicate that Pakistan is in possession of nuclear weapons, there are no reports to suggest that these have been deployed along the Line of Control. Available reports reveal the concentration of trained militants in certain pockets close to the LOC.

Reports also indicate that Pakistan has beenin the process of procuring special clothing/equipments over and above normal requirements.

All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and all necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness.